REMARKS

This paper is responsive to an Office Action dated October 4, 2004. Prior to this response claims 1-75 were pending. After canceling claims 1-55 and 71-75, claims 56-70 remain pending.

The Office Action states that claims 56-70 have been allowed.

The Office Action states that claims 51-56 and 71-75 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same subject matter of US 6,645,454. In response, claims 51-56 and 71-75 have been canceled.

The Office Action states that claims 1-50 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable with respect to Sameshima (US 5,145,808) in view of Auston (US 4,234,356). Claims 1-50 have been canceled.

It is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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